



Avery County

Contaminant	Number of wells tested	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) * Secondary MCL	Units	Number of wells tested above MCL	Percentage of wells tested above MCL	Number of wells below MCL	Percentage of wells tested below MCL
1,2-Dibromomethane	Not Tested	0	0	0	0.05	µg/L	0	Not Tested		
1,2-Dichloropropane	Not Tested	0	0	0	5	µg/L	0	Not Tested		
Arsenic	316	0.5	80	2.6	10	µg/L	4	1.27%		
Barium	121	50	50	50	2,000	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Benzene	Not Tested	0	0	0	5	µg/L	0	Not Tested		
Cadmium	121	0.5	2.5	0.5	5	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Chromium	121	5	16.7	5.1	100	µg/L	0	0.00%		
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (c-DCE)	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	70	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Copper	316	25	3,130.00	85.60	1,300*	µg/L	3	0.95%		
Ethylbenzene	Not Tested	0	0	0	700	µg/L	0	Not Tested		
Fluoride	380	100	3,530.00	257.50	4,000*	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Iron	314	25	6,400.00	257.50	300*	µg/L	55	17.52%		
Isopropyl Ether	Not Tested	0	0	0	No drinking water standard	µg/L				
Lead	326	2.5	56	4	15	µg/L	12	3.68%		
Magnesium	316	3770	4,170.00	3,966.30	No drinking water standard	µg/L				
Manganese	316	15	1,340.00	28.70	50*	µg/L	21	6.65%		

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Mercury	110	0.3	0.3	0.3	2	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	20* (recommended taste and odor threshold)	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Nitrate	131	500	24,130.00	1,544.40	10,000	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Nitrite	131	50	50	50	1,000	µg/L	0	0.00%		
pH	316	4.8	9.6	6.82	6.5-8.5*	standard units	5	1.58%	92	29.11%
Selenium	121	2.5	7	2.5	50	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Silver	122	25	25	25	100*	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Sodium	110	2000	360,000.00	34,447.30	No drinking water standard	µg/L				
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	5	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Toluene	Not Tested	0	0	0	1,000	µg/L	0	Not Tested		
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene (t-DCE)	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	100	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	5	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Vinyl chloride	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	2	µg/L	0	0.00%		
Xylenes (Total)	Not Tested	0	0	0	10,000	µg/L	0	Not Tested		
Zinc	314	25	10,910.00	319.70	5,000*	µg/L	6	1.91%		

* **Secondary MCL:** Secondary contaminants may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.⁸ The **Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL)** is a non-enforceable standard for secondary contaminants in drinking water. SMCLs may be based upon a contaminant's likelihood to cause changes to the taste, odor, or color of drinking water, or, may be based on the likelihood of the contaminant to cause technical changes such as damage to water fixtures or an increased availability of other contaminants in drinking water.⁸

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